

## Message Text

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INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
CHUSMTM DHAHRAN  
USMTM RIYADH

S E C R E T SANA 4449

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NPDIP, YE, SA  
SUBJ: NEW SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO YAR

1. ON 10 SEPTEMBER, SAUDI MILITARY ATTACHE, SALIH HUDAYAN,  
INFORMED CHARGE AND DCM DESIGNATE GNEHM THAT SAUDIS INTENDED  
POST LT. GENERAL TIRAD AL-HATHI AS AMBASSADOR TO SANA, TO  
ARRIVE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26 NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS.

2. HUDAYAN INTIMATED THAT HE, HUDAYAN MIGHT LEAVE SOMETIME IN  
NEAR FUTURE BUT EXPRESSED GREAT CONFIDENCE AND PLEASURE IN  
APPOINTMENT OF AL-HATHI. HE SAID HE HAD SERVED AS CHIEF OF  
STAFF IN JORDAN AND MILITARY COMMANDER IN TABUK, AS WELL AS  
INSPECTOR IN MODA.

3. AL-HATHI IS SLIGHTLY KNOWN TO GNEHM BUT WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION THAT ADDRESSEES CAN FORWARD ON  
THIS KEY NEW FIGURE ON YEMEN SCENE.  
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